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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH TIME EXTENSION**

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims and consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2006 (the "Action").

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Petition for One-Month Time Extension begins on page 11 of this paper.

Summary of March 22, 2007 Interview begins on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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